GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:314
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ENGINES OF AIRBUS AIRCRAFT
Topdar Shri Tarit Baran

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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(a) Whether non-availability of spare parts of engines are the reasons for grounding of Airbuses of Indian Airlines;

(b) If so, the details thereof ;

(c) Whether Indian Airlines has failed to adhere payment schedule for the engines of Airbuses;

(d) If so, the details and the reasons therefor; and

(e) The remedial measures proposed to be made to remedy the situation ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) : No, Sir. The A-320 aircraft were grounded due to non-availability of serviceable engines and aircraft undergoing major maintenance.

(b) : Does not arise .

(c): No, Sir .

(d) : Does not arise.

(e): Shortage of engines has resulted in grounding of some aircraft in Indian Airlines` fleet. Since April, 2006, 20 engines have been exported for refurbishment to repair agencies out of which 8 have been received back . Negotiations are on with outside vendors for refurbishment of another six engines. Short-term lease of three engines have also been extended upto 31.1.2007. The overall effect of engines being received from outside agencies has improved the availability of aircraft for scheduled operations.